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Summary of transactions, etc.—Continued.

Number of vessels in quarantine during September, 1899	1
Number of passengers whose baggage was disinfected during September, 1899	0
Number of vessels inspected during September, 1898	27
Number of vessels which sailed during September, 1898	22
Number of immigrants inspected during September, 1899	58
Rejections	0

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *October 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith reports of quarantine and abstract of bills of health for the week ended October 7. The general health of Ponce continues the same, with the exception that there is an increase in intestinal disorders. I inclose a condensed mortality report for the two weeks ended October 7. Nothing of interest has occurred among the shipping.

Respectfully, yours,

C. H. LAVINDER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Number of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction during the two weeks ended October 7, 1899.

Infectious diseases—	
Tuberculosis	15
Malarial fever	2
Dysentery	7
Whooping cough	1
Diphtheria	1
Erysipelas	1
	27
Diseases of the digestive apparatus	42
Diseases of the respiratory system	3
Diseases circulatory system	4
Diseases of the nervous system	2
Drowned	31
Other diseases	24
Total	133
Births in the same period	42

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce, Porto Rico, during September, 1899.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, *September 30, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to give below the number of immigrants inspected by this office during the month of September, with rejections: September 3, steamship *Salvador*, Fort de France and St. Thomas, 8; September 11, steamship *Philadelphia*, Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, La Guayra, 12; September 17, steamship *Salvador*, St. Domingo, 2; September 19, steamship *Maria Herrera*, Cuba and St. Domingo, 24; September 25, steamship *Caracas*, Puerto Cabello, Curaçao, La Guayra, 6; September 26, steamship *Martin Saenz*, Barcelona (Spain), 6; total, 58. There were no rejections during the month.

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